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RESURFACING SR 365 IN HALL AND HABERSHAM **WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK THIS WEEKEND, FROM ALTO** **MUD CREEK TO NORTH OF LEVEL GROVE ROAD**

LULA, Ga. – After decades of use, State Route 365 is being reconstructed now. Georgia DOT is working with C.W. Matthews Contracting to resurface the roadway. The project will remove up to eight inches of damaged asphalt and lay down a new, smooth driving surface on State Route 365/US 23 from SR 52 in Hall County to State Route 17 in Habersham County.

“This weekend, lane closures will be in place around the clock on State Route 365 from Alto Mud Creek road to north of Level Grove Road. This is the last section of old asphalt on the project. Crews are planning to work straight through the weekend if the weather cooperates to remove the damaged asphalt and lay a base layer of new asphalt. We are going up to eight inches deep to get all of the old asphalt out. Delays are expected in this area all weekend,” explained Georgia DOT District Engineer, Todd McDuffie.

This project involves three layers of asphalt. The base layer goes on bottom. The middle or second layer is the binder and the smooth driving surface is the top layer called the “topping.” As new pavement is laid it will be at different heights until both lanes are completed. Beware of the uneven pavement between the lanes.

“Pop-up storms impacted the work plan this week, delaying work. Our contractor has decided to work around the clock to make up for that lost time. This weekend, road work will impact traffic on State Route 365. As crews, one lane will be closed. For your safety and ours, please slow down in this work zone. Remember, that all fines are doubled in a work zone,” explained McDuffie.

The 21 mile long resurfacing project was awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting of Marietta at a cost of \$19.2 million. The contract completion date is June 30, 2012.

Weekly updates will be emailed out to customers. If you would like to receive email updates on this project please email Teri Pope at tpope@dot.ga.gov or call her at 770-718-3924.

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors’ workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone.

Motorists can access real-time, statewide, route-specific information on accidents, road work, traffic and weather conditions through **Georgia 511** - a free phone, web, and mobile service. By dialing 511, callers also can transfer to operators 24 hours a day to report incidents or request assistance. The system can be used to access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, tourism information and 511 systems in surrounding states. Additionally, 511 is available online or as a hybrid solution via a free download for your smart phone. Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information about 511, its mobile application download, or to learn how to become a sponsor, visit www.511ga.org.

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